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The reply brief filed on 8/27/07 is noted by the Examiner and this application is before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) for a decision on the appeal.

It is further noted that Appellants have again misunderstood the grounds of rejection relied upon by the Examiner (as previously indicated in the 6/27/07 Examiner's Answer, especially pages 4-8 and 13-17). In particular, on pages 2-4 of the reply brief, Appellants continue to argue against art rejections of claims 1-3 under 35 USC 102(b) alone, but the art rejections (of claims 1-3) actually relied upon by the Examiner are under 35 USC 102(b)/103(a) in alternative form, based on the inherency of prior art mask structure(s) to function in the manner recited by the instant claims.

Appellants' further arguments are unpersuasive and it is still believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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